

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended.

ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to a~~ method for spectroscopy of the optical emission of a liquid (301) excited by a pulsed laser focused on the surface thereof. ~~According to the invention, said method is characterized in such~~ that the area of analysis is scanned (304) by a laminar discharge of gas (309) whose velocity and section are such that it is possible to remove the residues of the plasma suspended in the gas, resulting from a first laser pulse, before the subsequent laser pulse occurs.